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MEMORIES OF A MARIONETTE #8

人形の記憶 #8

A BUG COP
ALTAN KID...
AND A MARIONETTE
A FAIRLY STRANGE COMBINATION DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
WELL, THAT MIGHT BE TRUE
AH...

JUST A LITTLE FIELD TRIP
I'M SHOWING THIS CHILD THE MARKET
HEEHEE HELLO
HMM.
AS USUAL, IT'S FILTHY
THEY'RE USING CHILDREN TO SCOUT OUT ENEMY TERRITORY NOW?

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NOT TO WORRY, SHE DOESN'T BITE
I DON'T THINK THIS IS ENEMY TERRITORY AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF SPYING
I BELIEVE THEIR WORDS
IF THEY REALLY WERE ENEMIES THEY SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE IT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM.

THE FORSAKEN GET THROUGH LIFE JUST FINE IF LEFT ALONE...
I FIND THAT TROUBLING AS WELL
HERE YOU WILL FIND
ALL OF THOSE YOU'VE ABANDONED CAST ADRIFT
SOME CAN'T GET MEDICAL TREATMENT IF THEY'RE HURT ON THE JOB
AND WITHOUT WORK OR THE PROPER CREDENTIALS YOU CAN'T BORROW MONEY
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY CAN'T EVEN GET A DECENT JOB
BUT THEN THEY'RE ARRESTED AND RECEIVE A CRIMINAL RECORD
FOR ONE THING, WHEN GATHERED TOGETHER THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT SHINES THROUGH
COUGH, COUGH

YOU ARE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM OTHER OFFICIALS CHOOSING THIS PLACE TO SHOW A CHILD
WE'LL DO JUST FINE. I SHOULDN'T BE COMPLAINING TO YOU ABOUT BEING FORCED TO COME HERE
PLEASE HAVE A LOOK
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF
WHAT ABOUT THAT? A TERRIBLE PREDICAMENT ISN'T IT?
IT'S A VALID COMPLAINT
HOWEVER
APAJI! CAN'T YOU BE QUIET!?
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IT'S NOT THAT MUCH FOR EACH PERSON
DON'T BE RUDE OFFICER
I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH. DON'T MAKE THIS ANY HARDER
COME ON
IT WOULD BE OK IF IT WERE JUST ONE PERSON.
I DO REQUIRE A TOLL

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!!
DON'T MOVE VIOLIN!
BIRDY!
I'LL EVEN LET THESE TWO GO FOR FREE

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IF YOU GET INJURED IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND TREATMENT
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?
BUT
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WAH!!
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DAMN YOU
YOU WOULD KNOW THAT IF YOU ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER RACES
DID YOU FORGET THAT MY SPECIES HAS 4 ARMS?
YOU WERE CARELESS
BIRDY
LET GO OF HIM! UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE ME HURT THIS KID!
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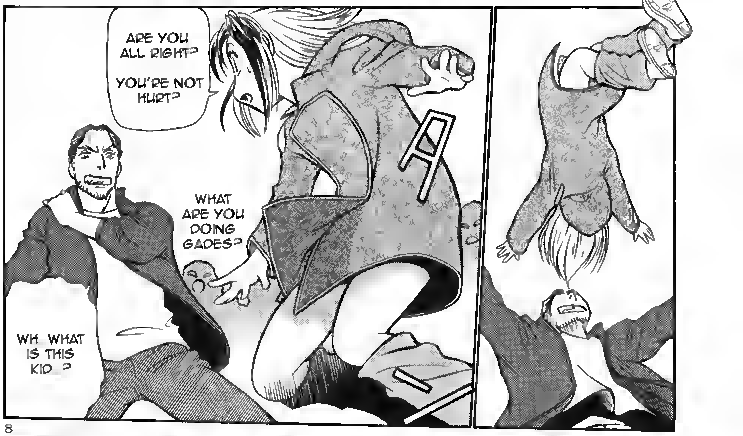
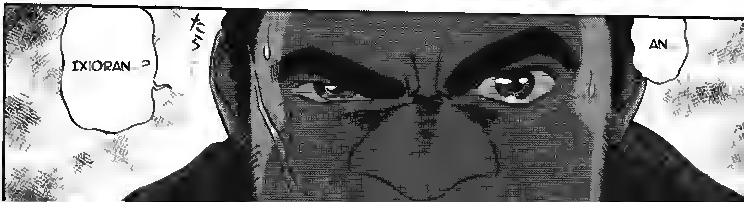
OW OW OW...
VIOLIN IS DIFFERENT, COULD YOU GO EASY ON THEM?
IT'S GOOD PRACTICE
REALLY? IT'S OK?!
I'M FINE WITH USING A LITTLE RESISTANCE IN THIS SITUATION
ALTHOUGH SELF CONTROL IS ADMIRABLE

OK.
WAH!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT HURT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING GADES?
WH WHAT IS THIS KID?


IXIORAN?
AN

YOU WERE THERE TOO?
WHAT?! WE WERE COMRADES?
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AROUND THE TIME THE KODEIN ORDER UPRISING WAS CRUSHED.
THE POLICE FORCE...
WHEN... I WAS IN THE MILITARY I ENCOUNTERED THEM.
AN UNUSUAL SIGHT WOULDN'T YOU AGREE? SELDOM DOES THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITNESS THEIR ABILITIES

LEAVING THE MILITARY TO TAKE THE BUILDING...
THE POLICE WANTED TO CAPTURE THEIR BISHOP ALIVE. BUT IT WAS DECIDED TO SEND IN THE IXIORAN AT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN.
I WISH IT WASN'T I DIDN'T THINK THE ORDER WAS THAT WILLING TO DIE
FOR SUCH A SMALL SCALE CONFLICT IT WAS A TERRIBLE BATTLEFIELD...
AFTER 10 CYCLES IT'S BECOME AN OLD STORY
SO...
...WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE US WITH BARE HANDS I WAS SURPRISED

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT THE IXIOPANS WERE MONSTERS...
WAS IT JUST A RUMOR?
OH, WELL...
HEY APAJI!
HE CARED ABOUT US
WHEN I WAS HIT LATER ON, HE CARRIED ME TO THE REAR
HE WAS A GOOD GUY

IS IT ALRIGHT IF I TAKE HER MONEY?
FOR SOME REASON THIS ONE'S GIVING US SOME TROUBLE!
PLEASE STOP IT
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU
WHAT THE...!
MR MEGIUS, THESE GUYS ARE TRYING REALLY HARD!
SMASH THE MARIO-NETTE...
IT'S ONLY PROPERTY!

I DID SAY PLEASE
HEY YOU!!

DON'T PICK ON VIOLIN!!
HEY HEY HEY HEY
HOW MANY OF THEM...?!
IT'S MY FAULT
AS MUCH STRENGTH AS THAT LITTLE GIRL HAS SHOWN HERE...
GET OUT OF HERE
I'M GLAD YOU NOTICED
THEIR FRIENDS ARE TOO MUCH FOR US!!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
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IF THAT IXIORAN IS GOING INTO THE POLICE FORCE
OH, IS THAT SO?

OK
HMM, OH
THINK KINDLY OF ME, WILL YA?
GOD
BIRDY, WE'RE THROUGH HERE
YES?!
LITTLE GIRL

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CERTAINLY IN YOUR FUTURE, A JOB IN THE POLICE OR MILITARY...
YOU'RE VERY STRONG
THAT WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS!

IXIOPANS ETANIANS
AND ALTANS ALL START OUT AS THIRD CLASS CITIZENS OR BELOW
WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW MUCH SOCIETY COULD RESIST AGAINST THE POWER OF THE THIRD CLASS CITIZENS AND THE NOBODIES
BUT IF YOU PERFORM A GREAT DEED IT WILL OPEN UP YOUR PROSPECTS
SINCE I DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH THAT MY LIFE IS LIKE THIS NOW...
THIS LITTLE GIRL WAS MADE TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS
ARA JI!
AN EARLY PROMOTION FROM SECOND TIER. WELL
EVEN GREATER THAN CHRISTELLA REVI...
ARAJI !!
MUCH IS EXPECTED OF THIS CHILD. DON'T FILL HER HEAD WITH SUCH NONSENSE!!
I WAS JUST USING CHRISTELLA REVI AS AN EXAMPLE...
SORRY

WHAT CAN I DO WHEN I'M CONSTANTLY INDOCTRINATED BY THESE GUYS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYIN', ARAJI?
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
I 'M GUARANTEED FREEDOM OF SPEECH
SEDITION IS NO SMALL MATTER
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE
IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU DIDN'T TAKE DRUGS
THE CAUSE OF THIS STRANGE BEHAVIOUR
COUGH, COUGH
OH I FORGOT TO MENTION ONE THING
IF THAT'S THE CASE IT'S OK
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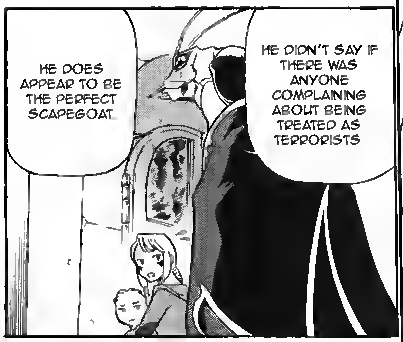
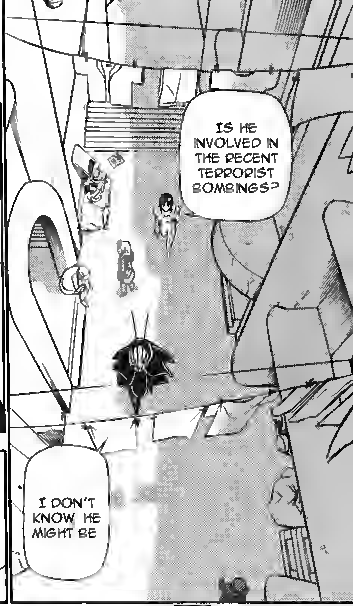
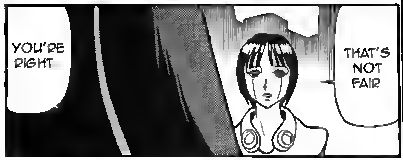
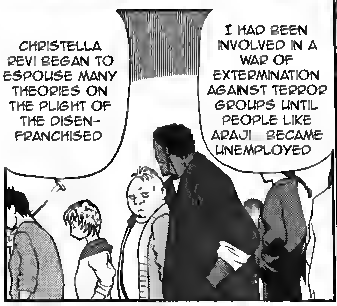
ARAJI WAS VERY CRUDE
IT'S GETTING DARK
YOU'VE HEARD MY ADVICE


HE DOES APPEAR TO BE THE PERFECT SCAPEGOAT.
HE DIDN'T SAY IF THERE WAS ANYONE COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING TREATED AS TERRORISTS


IS HE INVOLVED IN THE RECENT TERRORIST BOMBINGS?


YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT'S NOT FAIR
I DON'T KNOW. HE MIGHT BE

BUT YOU COULD SAY PSYCHOLOGY IS A COMPLEX THING.
IT MAY BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, VIOLIN.


CHRISTELLA REVI BEGAN TO ESPOUSE MANY THEORIES ON THE PLIGHT OF THE DISENFRANCHISED
I HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A WAR OF EXTERMINATION AGAINST TERROR GROUPS UNTIL PEOPLE LIKE APAJI BECAME UNEMPLOYED

IT IS A STRANGE STATE OF MIND
IN ORDER TO FEND OFF THE SUSPICIONS OF OTHERS, THEY HAVE TO BLEND IN WITH THE ATTITUDES OF THOSE AROUND THEM.

IT WASN'T A GOOD TREND
THE ALTAN PEOPLE WERE FRUSTRATED BY THE SPREAD OF SUCH IDEAS...
REEP REEP REEP
MEGIUS HERE
REEP REEP BIP
CHIEF PLEASE RETURN TO HEAD-QUARTERS
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I'M GETTING THE SECTION CHIEF HERE TOO!
EXPLO-SIONS IN AKPAPAR!
YES... IN AN OUTER PROVINCE OF AKPAPAR!
MASSIVE EXPLOSIONS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS DOWNTOWN...
THERE'S A LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALITIES
NO, IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT!

THE ADVERTISING CHANNEL HAS BEEN HACKED!
IT'S CHRISTELLA REVI!
CUT THE LINE! DON'T LET THAT MESSAGE GET BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC!

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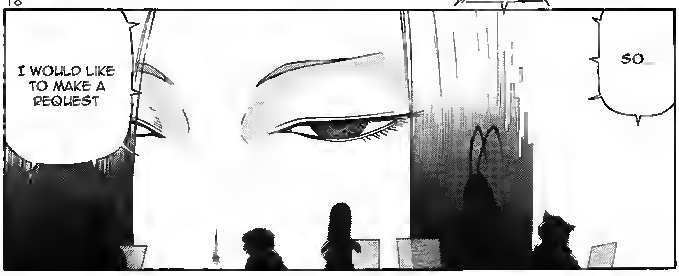
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A REQUEST
SO...

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